Docket No. 246323US0CONT

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masahiko KURAUCHI, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/748,149

FILED: December 31, 2003

FOR: ANIMAL BREEDING MATERIAL OR ARTICLE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☐ Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS		RATE		CALCULATIONS
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INDEPENDENT	1	MINUS	3	0	x	\$200	=	\$0.00
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		TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS					NS	\$0.00
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## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated January 27, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 4 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this response.